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**From:** Brees, Angela  
**Sent:** Wed 2/3/2016 2:39:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Daily Digest 2/2/2016

Yes, it's me. I'll make sure my name is included as the contact next time.

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**Subject:** FW: OPA Daily Digest 2/2/2016

I assume you are handling this? No contact name or number listed in the Digest entry.

**\*Radio Iowa**, - Dar Danielson – 2/3/3016 - About Diamond-Vogel enforcement action in Burlington, Iowa.  
Interview scheduled for 9 a.m. tomorrow.

**From:** Hanson, Mark

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 4:29 PM  
**To:** R7 Daily Digest INBOX <[R7\\_Daily\\_Digest\\_INBOX@epa.gov](mailto:R7_Daily_Digest_INBOX@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** OPA Daily Digest 2/2/2016

**OPA Daily Digest – 2/2/16**

**Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division**

New additions noted with an asterisk

**RA:**

**2/9/16** – Scoping Event with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Sedalia, Mo. Contact: Doug Jones

**2/12/16** – Courtesy Visit with representatives from the Missouri Soybean Association, Regional Office. Contact Karen Flournoy

**2/17/16** – Black History Month Event, Regional Office. Contact Michael Butkovich

**2/23/24/16** - Joint Regional Administrator/Deputy Regional Administrator Meeting, Seattle, Wash. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**3/8/16** – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Appreciative Inquiry/LEAN Event, Sedalia, Mo. Contact: Doug Jones

**4/11-14/16** – Environmental Council of the States Spring Meeting, Nashville, Tn. Contact Julia Cacho, 7071

**DRA:**

**2/17/16** – Black History Month Event, Regional Office, Contact: Michael Butkovich

**2/23-24/16** - Joint Regional Administrator/Deputy Regional Administrator Meeting, Seattle, Wash.  
Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events**

**AWMD**

**2/3/16** – Attendance at US Green Building Council's Speed Greening event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Craig Bernstein, 7688

**2/4/16** – Kansas Natural Resources Conference, Wichita, Kan. Contact: Gina Grier, 7078

**2/6/16** – Environmental outreach at Kansas City Metro Teachers Expo, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

**2/8/16** – Participation in Downtown KCMO recycling meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

**2/10/16** – Participation in Kansas City Environmental Educators Network Meeting held at the EPA Region 7 Office, Lenexa, Kan. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

**2/15/16** - ALA-Indoor Air Assessment Workshop for Santee Sioux Nation, Niobrara, Neb. Contacts: Gina Grier, 7078

**2/16/16** – Pollution Prevention Grant Status meeting with the University of Missouri – Columbia, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Jennifer Dawani, 7162

**2/19/16** – Attendance at City Project Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Craig Bernstein, 7688

**2/19-20/16** – Booth and participation at Petroleum Convenience Store Associations Exposition of Mid America – PACE 2016 Trade Show, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Michael Pomes, 7216

**2/23-24/16** – Participation in the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Solid Waste Forum, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

**3/4/16** – Missouri Minority and Limited Resource Farmers' Conference 2016, Sikeston, Mo. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

**3/8/16** - 10th Annual Region 7 Radon Stakeholders' Meeting, Nebraska City, Neb. Contacts: Bob Dye/Gina Grier, 7605/7078

**3/10/16** – Sac & Fox Nation Health & Wellness Fair, Reserve, Kan. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

**3/14/16** – Public meeting for Waterloo Industries Statement of Basis, Waterloo, Iowa. Contact: Dan Gravatt, 7324

**4/4-7/16** - Duane Arnold Nuclear Plant exercise dress rehearsal, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Contact: Chuck Hooper, 7271

**5/4/16** – Army Earth Day and Army Environmental Awareness Day 2016, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

**CNSL**

None

## **ECO**

**2/2/16** – Friends of the Kaw Meeting Grantee Recognition at NAACP, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**\*2/16/2016** – EJSG Workshop, STC, Kansas City, Ks. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

**\*2/17/2016** – EJSG Workshop, RO, Lenexa, Ks. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

**2/27/2016** – Friends of the Kaw, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**3/1/2016** – Friends of the Kaw Adult Training Session, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**\*4/22/2016** – Earth Day Celebration @ Delaware Ridge Elementary, Kansas City, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**4/30/2016** – Friends of the Kaw Community Event at Kaw Point Park, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**4/22/2016** – Earth Day Celebration, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**\*5/21/2016** – Urban Kids Fishing Derby, Kansas City, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**\*5/21/2016** – Asthma Action Camp Event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**\*6/18/2016** – Urban Kids Fishing Derby, Spring Valley Park, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**6/25/2016** – Passport to Good Health, Breidenthal Youth & Family Center, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

## **ENST**

None

## **PLMG**

**2/11/16** – Meeting with Ann Duncan EPA CIO for IT Portfolio Review, TLC Tour, SUPR Application Demonstration, Regional office/TLC. Contact: Raymond Booke, 7120

## **RA/OPA**

**2/16-19/16** – National Meeting of EPA Congressional, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Staff, Washington, DC. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

## **SUPR**

**\*2/2/16** - RPM is traveling to St. Louis to meet with West Lake CAG community technical committee, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Brad Vann, 7611

**2/4/16** – Steve Kemp and Whitney Rawls will be meeting with new IDNR Superfund program managers in Des Moines, Iowa. POC: Steve Kemp, 7194

**\*2/8/16** - RPM, Branch Chief and OPA will attend full West Lake CAG meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact:

Brad Vann, 7611

**2/8/16** – West Lake Landfill CAG, St Louis, Lynn Juett and Brad Vann. Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Brad Vann, x7611

**2/17/15** – Shawn Grindstaff and Dave Williams to meet with Ellisville City Council to discuss recent and planned actions, Ellisville, Mo. Contact: Dave Williams, 7625

**2/17/16** – Coldwater Creek St. Louis Oversight Committee Meeting, Lynn Juett and Amer Safadi. St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Lynn Juett, x7883

**\*2/18/16** - Brownfields presentation to UMKC students at 6 PM, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Stan Walker, 7494

**3/1-2/16** – Federal Facilities Leadership Council Meeting in New York City, N.Y. Contact: Lynn Juett, x7883

#### **WWPD**

**2/8-12/16** – Participate in Drinking Water Utility Meetings at WinnaVegas Casino, Village Winnebago, Winnebago Tribe, Santee Sioux Tribe, Sioux City, Iowa. Contact: Kim Burr, 7069

#### **Congressional Inquiries:**

None

#### **State Government Inquiries:**

None

**Press Inquiries:**

**KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis** – Farrah Fazal – 2/1/16 – Pitched story about EPA's electronic goods and white goods recycling effort as part of its response to the floods in the St. Louis area. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**\*Radio Iowa**, - Dar Danielson – 2/3/2016 - About Diamond-Vogel enforcement action in Burlington, Iowa. Interview scheduled for 9 a.m. tomorrow.

**Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

**Fact Sheets:**

None

**Environmental Stories:**

**The American Spectator – Cronysim and the Bureaucratic reset button – 2/2/2016**

Superfund “cleanups,” already surrealistically slow to get moving, could become even slower. The situation referred to here is the case of the West Lake Landfill, outside of St. Louis, Missouri. A landfill for more than 60 years, it has seen its cleanup endlessly assessed and planned for more than 25 years.

LINK: <http://goo.gl/dr5gzc>



**EPA Region 7 Press Release – EPA inspection reveals hazardous waste violations at Diamond-Vogel Paint Company in Burlington, Iowa – 2/1/2016**

An EPA Region 7 compliance evaluation inspection of Diamond-Vogel Paint Company in Burlington, Iowa, revealed violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) related to the storage and handling of hazardous waste. In a settlement filed by EPA in Lenexa, Kan., the company will pay a \$21,700 civil penalty to the United States.

LINK: <http://goo.gl/FWmcpX>

**The National Review – West Lake Landfill boondoggle another nail in the coffin for Superfund – 2/2/2016**

If you want an example of how the Federal Government isn't really interested in environmental cleanup you couldn't go far wrong with looking at the West Lake landfill site in Missouri.

LINK: <http://goo.gl/zPgkci>

**KCUR 89.3 – Overland Park hit with another food-borne outbreak – 2/2/2016**

Kansas health authorities say they are investigating what appears to be another food-borne outbreak of gastrointestinal illness in Overland Park.

LINK: <http://goo.gl/g4th4r>

**Energy Manager Today – Missouri measure would itemize cost of Clean Power Plan on customer bills – 2/2/2016**

As the Clean Power Plan inexorably moves forward – with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit declining last week to block the new rules on power plant carbon pollution – a Missouri state senator is taking steps to ensure that local ratepayers know just how much pain the measure will inflict in out-of-pocket costs.

LINK: <http://goo.gl/cYaqdt>

**KBIA.org – Thinking out loud: Connecting with the Missouri River – 2/2/2016**

Missouri River Relief is a Columbia-based non-profit that has made a name for itself using volunteers to clean up trash - lots of trash - along the Big Muddy. Late last year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the group an Environmental Education Grant. River relief staff Kristen Schulte and Steve Schnarr discussed plans for the award on a recent episode of Thinking Out Loud.

LINK: <http://goo.gl/3uh4tJ>

**Newton Daily News – Grassley miffed at Waters of U.S. veto filibuster – 2/2/2016**

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley isn't happy about one of President Barack Obama's most recent vetoes. He's also upset with the way Congress blocked one of his Iowa colleague's attempt to reign in the control of the EPA.

LINK: <http://goo.gl/8Kijep>

**Freep.com - Flint mayor calls for immediate removal of lead pipes – 02/02/2016**

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver is expected to call for immediate action to remove lead pipes from the city's water distribution system at a news conference, city officials announced Tuesday.

<http://goo.gl/KNmUzr>

**Huffingtonpost.com - Polluters' Last-Ditch Bid to Stay Clean Power Plan Faces Long Odds at Supreme Court – 02/02/2016**

Just days after the federal court of appeals in Washington rejected their bid to block President Obama's Clean Power Plan, the coal industry and its political allies are pleading for immediate relief from the U.S. Supreme Court. Coming after a string of failed attempts to stop the carbon pollution standards, the polluters' latest gambit faces long odds.

<http://goo.gl/vxPTqv>